

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 5 with the following:

A takeout arm assembly according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention is indicated generally by reference number 10 in the drawing. The takeout assembly 10 includes a fixed shaft 12, which corresponds in function to the shaft 18 of the aforesaid '973 patent.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 9 with the following:

A multi-piece housing 14 is journaled on the shaft 12 to be oscillatable with respect to the shaft 12. Located within the housing 14 is a gear 16 with a plurality of teeth around its periphery. The gear 16 is also oscillatable with the housing 14. A second gear 18, which is spaced from the gear 16 and whose central axis is parallel to that of the gear 16, is also located within the housing 14. The gear 18 is co-axially secured to a shaft 20, which corresponds in function to the shaft 23 of the '973 patent, and the second gear 18 and the shaft 20 are caused to oscillate with the gear 16 under power from a reciprocating rack 30, as will be hereinafter explained more fully.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19 with the following:

A bearing 22 is mounted within the housing 14 to permit the gear 18 and the shaft 20 to turn about the longitudinal central axis of the gear 18 with respect to the housing 14. At an opposed end of the shaft 20, a

takeout head 24, which corresponds in function to element 33 of the '973 patent, is suspended to extend generally parallel to the housing 14. A gear 28 is journaled on the shaft 12 around a bearing 32, and the gear 26 is caused to oscillate with respect to the shaft 12 under power from a reversible, a.c. servo motor 26. The motions of the reversible, a.c. servo motor 26 are precisely controllable to permit very accurate control of the acceleration and deceleration motions of the takeout head 24.